



State of Tennessee
Department of State
Tennessee State Library and Archives
403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0312

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TORT AND LIABILITY
INSURANCE REFORM
RECORDS
1986**

RECORD GROUP 315

Processed by:

Greg T. Yates

Archival Technical Services

Date Completed: 8-19-2004
Location: I-B-3v (Audio only)

MICROFILM ONLY

INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Task Force on Tort Law Reform and Liability Insurance was created by Governor Lamar Alexander by Executive Order 74 on June 30, 1986. The Task Force was created to study the issue of liability insurance because it had become prohibitively expensive and in some cases was not even available at any price. Additionally, there was a belief that higher jury awards were partly responsible for the dramatic rise in insurance premiums. The Task Force was asked to study the related issues of tort reform and liability insurance and report back to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January 15, 1987.

The Task Force began meeting in Nashville on June 30, and then held a series of meetings across the state. The final meeting of the Task Force was held in Nashville on December 22, 1986, when a final report was adopted.

The Task Force consisted of the following members; Judge L. Clure Morton serving as Chairman, Jim Alexander, Dr. J. Kelly Avery, David Brown, Robert E. Burch, Rose Cantrell, Deborah C. Donovan, Arnold Goldin, Commissioner Francis Guess, Dwight Hedge, Senator Douglas Henry, Martha Hulkan, Carol Jones, Joe Lancaster, Representative Randy McNally, Commissioner Warren Neel, Diane Neighbors, Martha Brown Olsen, Don Paine, John Parish, Jerry Phillips, Joe Powell, Harold Sterling, Mayor Kyle Testerman, Edwin M Walker, Representative Karen Williams, and Carter Witt. This membership represented a wide area of interests, including the legal and insurance professions, as well as legislative members. Additionally, the Task Force was authorized to hire one staff member, Beth Berry.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Record Group 315, Governor's Task Force on Tort and Liability Reform, consists of items relating to the work of the task force including correspondence, an executive order, newspaper clippings, subject files, meeting files, and audio tapes. The collection is basically arranged as subject files because there is so little material in the collection, with the bulk of the collection consisting of meeting files. For each meeting of the Task Force, one large folder was created, with individual folders contained within that include written presentations from each presenter as well as any other hand-outs given to Task Force members during the hearings. In several of the meeting file folders there are written materials that were sent to the Task Force but not presented orally. In addition to the written materials in each file folder, there are log sheet guides for each meeting to assist in finding presentations on the tapes. Based upon review of the audiocassettes, several meeting folders do not have all of the written presentations available. A complete set of audiocassettes is available for these meetings and is permanently kept in the TSLA vault.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

1. Alliance of American Insurers, "Questions and Answers on Availability", 1985
2. American Medical News, "23 States OK'd Reforms in '86", July 26, 1986
3. Correspondence, 1986
4. Executive Order 74, Press Release, and Newspaper Clippings, 1986
5. Federal Actions, 1983-1986
6. Insurance Industry, includes publications "The Executive Letter" and "Frontlines"
7. Local Government Information
8. National Symposium on Civil Justice
9. Physicians
10. Punitive Damages
11. "Punitive Damages: Cruel and Unusual Punishment?", Business Week, April 28, 1986
12. Recreation
13. State Enactments
14. Tennessee Bar Association Correspondence
15. The Associated General Contractors of America
16. Trial Lawyers
17. Meeting File, June 30, Nashville
18. Meeting File, July 9 and 10, Nashville
 - 18.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 18.2 John Day, TN Trial Lawyers Association Testimony
 - 18.3 Barbara Phillips, The Rogers Group, Testimony
 - 18.4 State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company Testimony
 - 18.5 Billy T. Sumner, TN Society of Professional Engineers Testimony
 - 18.6 Thurman Pedigo, M.D., TN Academy of Family Physicians Testimony
 - 18.7 Marguerite Sallee, Department of Human Services Testimony
 - 18.8 Joe Sweat, TN Municipal League Testimony
 - 18.9 Doug Cameron, Tennesseans Outdoors Testimony
 - 18.10 Ron Gobbell, TN Society of Architects Testimony
 - 18.11 Harris Gilbert, TN Bar Association Testimony
 - 18.12 James W. Hays, M.D., TN Medical Association Testimony
 - 18.13 C.T. Gideon, State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company Testimony
 - 18.14 Charles Cato II, TN Hospital Association Testimony
 - 18.15 Robert Healy, National Park Service Testimony
 - 18.16 County Verdict Statistics

19. Meeting File, July 23 and 24, Memphis
 - 19.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 19.2 Frank Gianatti, TN Society of Professional Engineers Testimony
 - 19.3 Clare Orman, TN Bar Association Testimony
 - 19.4 Robert Hill, TN Trial Lawyers Testimony
 - 19.5 Bruce Knowles, Knowles Construction Testimony
 - 19.6 Dick Puckett, Atlas Contractors Testimony
 - 19.7 Tom Nathan, American Institute of Architects Testimony
 - 19.8 Buddy Nichols, Methodist Health Systems Testimony
 - 19.9 Dr. Albert Grobmyer, III Testimony
 - 19.10 Brian Kuhn, Shelby County Government Testimony
 - 19.11 Tom Turner, Buckeye Cellulose Corporation Testimony
 - 19.12 Allen Edmonson, M.D., Health Care Coalition Testimony
 - 19.13 Aubrey Griffith, Belz Enterprises Testimony
 - 19.14 James Johnson, M.D., TN Society for Internal Medicine Testimony
 - 19.15 James Galyon, M.D., East Memphis Orthopedic Group Testimony
 - 19.16 Arnold Goldin, Trial Court Statistics
 - 19.17 Crump Companies Written Comments
 - 19.18 Rice & Rice Written Comments
 - 19.19 D. Kenneth Nace, St. Francis Hospital Written Comments
20. Meeting File, July 29, Jackson
 - 20.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 20.2 Jim Emison, TN Bar Association Testimony
 - 20.3 T. Robert Hill, TN Trial Lawyers Association Testimony
 - 20.4 James E. Campbell, Jr., TN Society of Professional Engineers Testimony
 - 20.5 Bill Lamers, Forcum, Lannom Inc. Testimony
 - 20.6 Mary Cravens, Joyland Preschool and Learning Center Testimony
 - 20.7 Dr. Arden Butler, M.D. Testimony
 - 20.8 Dr. Alex Leech, Madison County Executive Testimony
 - 20.9 W. Patrick Heckethorn Written Comments
 - 20.10 Newspaper Clippings and Printed Materials

Box 2

1. Meeting File, July 31, Chattanooga
 - 1.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 1.2 Susan McGannon and Jack Floyd, TN Municipal League Testimony
 - 1.3 John B. Thompson, Dixie Yarns, Inc. Testimony
 - 1.4 Steve A. Hulsey, Collegedale Casework, Inc. Testimony
 - 1.5 TN Trial Lawyers, No Written Testimony, Handouts Only
 - 1.6 Harley Kaufman, TN Hotel/Motel Association Testimony
 - 1.7 Dr. Thomas W. Curry, M.D. Testimony
 - 1.8 Ted Franklin, Tennessee Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects Testimony

- 1.9 Paul Campbell, TN Bar Association Testimony
- 1.10 Wanda Judd, President, TN Association of Young Children Testimony
- 1.11 Nelson Wooldridge, Magic Chef Testimony
- 1.12 Dalton Roberts, Hamilton County Legal Counsel Testimony
- 1.13 Rick A. Harrington, E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Company Testimony
- 1.14 Harold Marlowe, Memorial Hospital Testimony
- 1.15 John Crosby, National Association of Independent Insurers Testimony
- 1.16 Mavis Watters, Insurance Services Office Testimony
- 1.17 David Leonard, Tennessee Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects, Testimony
- 1.18 Charles Clevenger, III, The Associated General; Contractors of America Testimony
2. Meeting File, August 5, Johnson City
 - 2.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 2.2 David Latture, TN Hotel/Motel Association Testimony
 - 2.3 John Rogers, TN Trial Lawyers, No Written Testimony, Handouts Only
 - 2.4 Jack Butterworth, Jr., M.D., TN Medical Association
 - 2.5 Brian Rosecrance, Appalachian Service Project Testimony
 - 2.6 Mike Witt, Edwards, Tipton & Witt Insurance Testimony
 - 2.7 Hal Spoden, TN Society of Professional Engineers Testimony
 - 2.8 David Leonard, Tennessee Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects Testimony
 - 2.9 Robert Holsaple, Tennessee Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects Testimony
 - 2.10 James Frierson, Professor of Management, East TN State University Testimony
3. Meeting File, August 6, Knoxville
 - 3.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 3.2 Dr. David Gerkin, TN Medical Association Testimony
 - 3.3 Sid Gilbreath, TN Trial Lawyers, Handout Only
 - 3.4 Jackie Leach, Risk Management Services Testimony
 - 3.5 Robert Holsaple, Tennessee Society of Architects and American Institute of Architects Testimony
 - 3.6 Dwight Kessell, Knox County Executive, Handout Only
 - 3.7 Ray Farmer, American Insurance Association Testimony
 - 3.8 Val Cox, Cripple Creek Expeditions Testimony
 - 3.9 Elton Jones, Alcoa Testimony
 - 3.10 E.S. Albers, Albers Drug Company Testimony
 - 3.11 Darrell Akins, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce Testimony
 - 3.12 Other Materials

4. Meeting File, August 13 and 14, Nashville
 - 4.1 Logsheets and Agenda
 - 4.2 Paul Cohn, Howard Johnson Testimony
 - 4.3 Dr. Arden Butler, M.D., TN Medical Association Testimony
 - 4.4 Dan Wheeler and Buford Dreadon, TN Farm Bureau Testimony
 - 4.5 Dick Dorsey, American Insurance Association Testimony
 - 4.6 Bob Reeves, Underwriters Safety & Claims of Tennessee, Inc. Testimony
 - 4.7 Mark Fraley, Director, State Parks Testimony
 - 4.8 Dan Conway, Reinsurance Association of America Testimony
 - 4.9 Bob Boren and Jim Wood, State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company Testimony
 - 4.10 Bob Sclar, TN Society of Professional Engineers Testimony
 - 4.11 Dick Saperfield, Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association Testimony
 - 4.12 Douglas Kasten, Northern Telecom Testimony
 - 4.13 Sylvia Wood, American College of Nurse Midwives Testimony
 - 4.14 Charlie Cato, TN Hospital Association Testimony
 - 4.15 Robert Hill and John Day, TN Trial Lawyers Association Testimony
 - 4.16 Tim Wibking, TN School Boards Association Testimony
 - 4.17 James Purcell and Frederick Karl, Alliance of American Insurers Testimony
 - 4.18 Ernest Lee, Quimet Corporation Testimony
 - 4.19 Joel Plummer, Montgomery County Executive Testimony
 - 4.20 Steve Boyer, TN Retail Federation Testimony
 - 4.21 Jim Doran, Attorney, Testimony and Handouts
 - 4.22 Susan McGannon, TN Municipal League Testimony
 - 4.23 John Crosby, National Association of Independent Insurers, Written Comments Only
 - 4.24 John C. Heath, Attorney, Written Comments Only
 - 4.25 James E. Headley, National Recreation and Park Association, Written Comments Only
 - 4.26 Other Materials
5. Meeting File, September 4, Nashville
6. Meeting File, October 28 & 29, Nashville
7. Meeting File, December 2, Nashville
8. Meeting File, December 22, Nashville

Box 3

Audiocassettes

- 1 - 2 June 30, 1986 Meting
- 3 - 6 July 9, 1986
- 7 - 11 July 10, 1986
- 12 - 16 July 23, 1986
- 17 - 18 July 24, 1986

19 - 22	July 29, 1986
23 - 27	July 31, 1986
28 - 29	August 5, 1986
30 - 34	August 6, 1986

Box 4

Audiocassettes

1 - 5	August 13, 1986
6 - 11	August 14, 1986
12 - 14	September 4, 1986
15 - 18	October 28, 1986
19 - 20	October 29, 1986
21 - 24	December 2, 1986
25	December 22, 1986